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A golden 50 years

Spirits raised.

Olympic victory gives boost to celebrations marking Jamaica's 50th year of independence

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Usain Bolt's gold-medal-winning 100-metre run gave Ottawa's Jamaican community an extra boost on a day when they were already feeling proud.

Jamaican-Canadians gathered at city hall to celebrate 50 years of Jamaican independence with a flag-raising ceremony, but the hot topic was another gold medal at the Games.

"The timing couldn't be any more perfect," said Mayor Jim Watson. "Today is the medal

ceremony in London and the Jamaican flag will be raised."

On Saturday, Jamaican native Shelly Ann Fraser took home a gold medal, leading a Jamaican sweep in the women's 100-metre final.

On Sunday, Usain Bolt breezed past his competition, claiming another gold medal in the men's 100-metre final. Bolt crossed the line in 9.63 seconds, setting an Olympic-record, falling shy of his 9.58 second world record. "Their efforts have united Jamaicans all over the world," said Ewart Walters, the Ottawa chair of Jamaica50, a group organizing anniversary celebrations.

But how do the Jamaican-born athletes do it?

"Some say it's the genes, some say it's in the coaching," attendee June Garvin said. "Usain Bolt's dad says it's the yams."

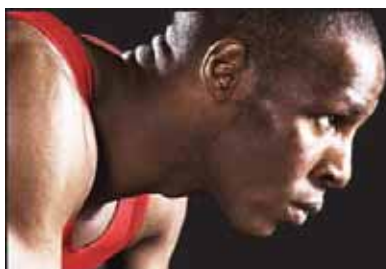
HEARTBREAKER

Canada's Christine Sinclair aims to close down United States' Megan Rapinoe during Canada's agonizing 4-3 semifinal extra-time loss in women's soccer at the 2012 London Summer Olympics, in Manchester, England, on Monday. More Olympic coverage, pages 23-25. HUSSEIN MALLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Did Madoff own any of these things? Maybe, maybe not

Ottawa sale. Auction house says some items belonged to Ponzi scammer, but won't say which ones



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Fourteen pairs of Bernie Madoff's underwear reportedly fetched \$200 US at a Florida auction, but anyone who wanted to make such an intriguing find in Ottawa on Monday was out of luck.

An auction held in the basement of the Ottawa Marriott Hotel promised "Bernie Madoff seizures + released customs seized valuables," in an ad in the Ottawa Citizen.

As people entered, a man in a suit told everyone who asked that "a sizable chunk" of the goods up for auction once belonged to the notorious financier. But which goods? No one was saying. "It's a collection of estates, and one of the estates is Madoff," he said.

Auction workers at the event said they didn't know where the paintings, jewelry and rugs they were auctioning came from, only that some belonged to Madoff. They also declined to give their names, and had journalists and photographers kicked out of the hotel.

"I will get fired if I give interviews," said the suited

Quoted

"All of (Madoff's) assets were seized by the federal government. This is really an area where consumers need to be very wary."

Mary Broz-Vaughan of the Virginia Auctioneers Board

man when asked for his name and the names of his employers.

The auctioneer promised the gold and diamond jewelry up for auction was real, offering to write that fact on an invoice after the auction and send a certificate of authentication by mail two weeks later, but not before the sale. "We don't have them here," he said.

Asked if there was any assurance that what he claimed about the jewelry was true, he offered the good name of his business. "We've been in business 25 years," he said.

A Torstar News Service investigation traced the company behind the auction in Ottawa and other Ontario cities — Berkeley Auctions — to a pair of brothers from Virginia who have been fined or shut down in at least seven states.

"They're just notorious," said Mary Broz-Vaughan, of the Virginia Auctioneers Board.

She said using Madoff's name as a draw is not a new phenomenon, and can be a scam. "All of his assets were seized by the federal govern-



Art up for auction is displayed in the Laurier Room of the Ottawa Marriott Hotel on Monday afternoon. An ad for the auction promised oil paintings and "graphics" by famous artists including Salvador Dali and Pablo Picasso, but the majority of the works were prints. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

ment. This is really an area where consumers need to be very wary," she said.

Bernie Madoff's belongings were originally auctioned off by the U.S. Marshals Service, but can be resold. According to the Miami Herald, an auction at Madoff's Palm Beach estate drew \$400,000 US — including \$200 for the underwear.

Madoff, once the Nasdaq chairman, used his reputation and savvy to dupe sophisticated investors, regulators and Wall Street banks.

Madoff confessed in December 2008 that he was running a multi-decade Ponzi scheme and that more than \$65 billion US he claimed to have on hand for investors had dwindled to

a few hundred million dollars from an original investment of about \$20 billion. He pleaded guilty to fraud and is serving a 150-year prison sentence in Butner, N.C.

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Spate of stabbings mars holiday weekend

Police in Gatineau and Ottawa are investigating three unrelated stabbings that sent three men to hospital on Saturday night.

At 11:39 p.m., Gatineau

police were called to a McDonald's at 213 Aylmer Rd., where two large groups were involved in a loud altercation. Police say a 22-year-old Gatineau man tried to break up a

fight and was stabbed on his right side.

The suspects fled, and the victim was taken to hospital in Hull and is being treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Earlier in the evening Ottawa police responded to a call at 7:45 p.m. on Mutual Street and found a man with serious stab wounds. He was taken to hospital and treated.

At 11:30 p.m. a fight broke out on Osgoode Street and a man with minor injuries was sent to the hospital. He was released early Sunday.

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Quebec solidaire. Party bucks 'federalist' charge with beaver-booting ad

Who could resist a cuddly cartoon Canadian beaver, purring as it rubs against your leg with a broad, buck-toothed smile underneath a Mountie Stetson?

The political party Quebec solidaire, that's who. In fact, in an ad designed to put to rest doubts about its support for Quebec independence, a stick figure gleefully boots the furry national rodent right off the screen. The cartoon ad has been posted to the Internet and is one of five that the small left-wing party says is aimed at clearing up misconceptions about it.

The party shares ties with some members of the federal NDP and has been under attack lately by opponents who accuse it of selling out the independence movement.

"There are rumours that

members of Quebec solidaire drape themselves in the Maple Leaf and hold questionable ties to beavers," the ad's narrator says. "In fact, that's not quite the case."

Though it has only one seat in the legislature, Quebec solidaire could siphon support from the Parti Quebecois. To rally the sovereigntist vote, former Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe and others are attacking the party's commitment to independence.

The ad is an attempt to address that attack. "Federalist, Quebec solidaire? Not at all. Sovereigntist — but not like the others," says the ad's narrator. The ad ends with a joke: Quebec solidaire says no beavers were harmed in the making of their new spot.

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A stick-figure kicks a beaver in a spot for Quebec solidaire. THE CANADIAN PRESS

London Games. Man charged in Olympic bottle-throwing incident

An Olympic spectator accused of hurling a plastic bottle onto the track seconds before the men's 100-metre final pleaded not guilty on Monday to creating a public nuisance.

Ashley Gill-Webb, 34, spoke only to deny the charge and confirm his personal details during a brief appearance at Stratford Magistrates Court. He was granted conditional bail with a trial scheduled for Sept. 3, and was banned from the Olympics.

Sunday's race, won by Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt,

was not disrupted.

Gill-Webb's actions enraged Dutch judo bronze-medal-winner Edith Bosch, who was inside the stadium near him. She told Dutch TV she intervened after the bottle was thrown and pushed Gill-Webb in the back, causing her to miss the race.

"I'm not suggesting vigilantism but it was actually poetic justice that they happened to be sitting next to a judo player," said Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London organizing committee.

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Sexual assault

Police hunt west-end home invader

Ottawa police are looking for a suspect after a woman was sexually assaulted in her west-end home on Sunday.

Police say the victim, 18, had just returned to her home near Baseline and Greenbank Road when she heard her doorbell ring at about 3 a.m. She answered the door and an unknown

man forced his way into her house and sexually assaulted her. The woman suffered minor injuries and needed medical attention.

The suspect is described as a "Middle Eastern" man in his mid-20s, between five-foot-nine and five-foot-11, with a thin build of about 150 pounds. He has short brown hair and tailored facial hair.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Ottawa police, at 613-236-1222, ext. 5944, or Crime Stoppers, at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

JESSICA BEDDAOUI/FOR METRO



Telecom engineer Peter Llott, centre, and colleagues celebrate Sunday's successful Mars landing of NASA's Curiosity rover at the Spaceflight Operations Facility at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. Curiosity is equipped with a nuclear-powered lab capable of vapourizing rocks and ingesting soil, measuring habitability and possibly paving the way for human exploration. BRIAN VAN DER BRUG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

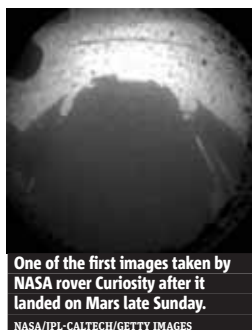
'Terror' to triumph: Rover sends glimpses of Mars

Curiosity touches down. Scientists hope \$2.5-billion mission will pay off with new discoveries and pave way for astronaut landings

The robotic explorer Curiosity's daring plunge through the pink skies of Mars was more than perfect. It landed with spectacular style, said a NASA scientist who described the first images of its gymnastics through the so-called "seven minutes of terror."

Hours after the U.S. space agency learned the rover had arrived on target late Sunday, engineers and scientists got the first glimpses of the intricate manoeuvres it made to hit the Martian soil safely.

"It's a spectacular image,"



One of the first images taken by NASA rover Curiosity after it landed on Mars late Sunday. NASA/JPL-CALTECH/GETTY IMAGES

Over the moon

"This team came back with the gold."

Charles Elachi, director, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, on the NASA team behind Curiosity

said NASA research scientist Luther Beegle. The photo, taken from an orbiting Mars spacecraft, shows Curiosity dangling from its supersonic parachute as it descended.

Extraordinary efforts were needed for the landing because the rover weighs about one tonne, and the Martian atmosphere is thin, not offering much friction to slow the spacecraft down.

The arrival was an engineering tour de force, featuring never-before-tried acrobatics as Curiosity sliced through the Martian atmosphere at 20,900 km/h.

More images, including video of the landing and beautiful colour shots of Mars,

will follow in days to come. It will be weeks before Curiosity starts digging into the red planet's past.

Cheers and applause echoed through the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory after signals from space showed Curiosity had survived the plunge. Minutes after the landing signal reached Earth, Curiosity beamed back the first black-and-white pictures from inside a crater showing its wheel and its shadow, cast by the afternoon sun.

Gilles Leclerc, director-general of space exploration at the Canadian Space Agency in Longueuil, Que., said workers there were celebrating as well, having spent years working on

a device aboard Curiosity that will help look for signs of life.

"Well, we're Canadians, eh? So it was less enthusiastic but I would say it was as emotional as it was in the U.S. But there were cheers indeed and it was again a great moment."

Still, he said, there were some tense moments.

"The seven minutes of terror that we had been told to expect turned into a triumph in the end because it was a very daring landing technique and it was successful ... so we were all very ecstatic."

The voyage to Mars took more than eight months and is NASA's seventh landing on the planet.

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Slideshow: A NASA scientist describes the first images of its gymnastics through the "seven minutes of terror." Go to metronews.ca.



One giant leap for Canada

Curiosity will use a Canadian-made instrument the size of a soup can to gather information that will help answer questions about our own planet, the Canadian Space Agency says.

"The object of the mission is to see if Mars ever had, or still has, the conditions to support life," Stéphane Desjardins, the CSA's director of space exploration projects, said on Monday. "What happened to Mars? How

come it lost its atmosphere? It's important to find out about that, since both planets, we believe, were similar."

Curiosity's made-in-Ontario Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS), attached to a robotic arm, will play a key role in collecting data, Desjardins said.

When the arm points the APXS to a rock or soil sample, the instrument can detect

what it is made of.

"We're doing it to learn about Mars and what it went through, because Mars is a similar planet to Earth. Today it's dry and cold, but at some point, we believe, it was wetter and had the thicker atmosphere," he said. "We're going to study the geology and maybe learn about our home planet by doing that."

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From left, Josh Richardson, Chelsea Horncastle, Steve Mancell and Ethan Shea, all from British Columbia, play cards at the Maple Leaf pub in London, England. LAURA FORTEY/FOR METRO



Patrons at the Maple Leaf pub react as Victoria's Ryan Cochrane wins silver in the men's 1,500-metre freestyle on Saturday. LAURA FORTEY/FOR METRO

Red, white and brews at London's Maple Leaf pub

Waving the flag.
Canada-themed bar in Olympic host city draws patriotic fans

LAURA FORTEY

For Metro Canada in London, England

London's only Canadian pub, the Maple Leaf, has been rowdy throughout the Games.

Canadian tourists and expats have been flocking to the Covent Garden bar to cheer our athletes, said general manager Luigi Palmieri.

"The pub is always busy, but these Games have really brought out the Canadian spirit," he said.

When Victoria swimmer Ryan Cochrane won silver in the 1,500-metre freestyle, pub-goers were on their feet cheering him on. One fan, Mark Featherstonhaugh, said he has been friends with Cochrane since elementary school.

"We came to London to watch him, but couldn't get tickets. We thought the second-best place to see him would be this Canadian bar."

Calgarian Mike Gusella



Calgarian Mike Gusella, who said he took a detour in his around-the-world trip for the Olympics, with Metro's "pub correspondent" Laura Fortey. For more photos of the Maple Leaf pub, go to metronews.ca/olympics. METRO

said it was "imperative" that he make a detour in his six-month, around-the-world adventure to come to London for the Games, no matter the price.

"I went to the '88 Games in Calgary when I was 12 and

I was hooked ever since," said Gusella, who was at the Maple Leaf on Saturday.

Decorated head to toe in red with a flag for a cape, Ken Ferguson from Stratford said he loves that he's in London with fellow Canucks, drinking

Canadian beer and cheering on our Olympians.

"I love the Canadian perspective of this pub and the fact that it's not just here for the Olympics," said Ferguson.

Patrons said that anyone wearing red, or anything

patriotic, served as a conversation starter." In between cheering during Olympic events, people seemed to reminisce about home and seemed content to share poutine and plates of nachos with strangers from the homeland.

Moosehead, poutine & caesars

There's a familiar feeling to the Maple Leaf pub in London. The walls are cluttered with Canadian sports gear; Canadian flags hang from the ceiling; and menu items include poutine, Molson Canadian, Moosehead and a specialty wing night. It's usually busy on Canada Day and has become the place to cheer on Canadian Olympians.

Once owned by Molson, the Maple Leaf just celebrated its 30-year anniversary. General manager Luigi Palmieri said

Canadians come for the food, beer and familiarity. It might be the only place in town to get a caesar.

How authentic is the fare?

"Although they try, the poutine isn't as good as it could be because cheese curds don't pass the food-safety laws in the U.K., so they have to use normal cheese," said Maple Leaf bartender Richard Hinton from Scarborough, Ont.

The Maple Leaf is popular with Brits as well.

"British people just love

this pub and come here for the Canadian attitude," said Scott Palmer, a Calgarian-Londoner who wore a bear suit to the Canada-U.S. women's soccer game on Monday.

Although general manager Palmieri is not Canadian, he said he loves working at the Maple Leaf and never has trouble finding or keeping Canadian staff, who make up 90 per cent of the employees. "I love Canadians. They are always so friendly and smiling and they work hard."

LAURA FORTEY/FOR METRO

Taste of home

Expats crave Timmies coffee, KD

A few doors down from the Maple Leaf pub is a Canadian-food store that is popular with expats looking for a taste of home.

The shop started as an Australian-food shop and over the years added South African, New Zealand and Canadian items.

"Sometimes I go to the Canadian-food shop just to get Clamato juice to make caesars. It's the only place I can get it," said Sarah Weber, a Londoner originally from Orillia, Ont. Ty Flavell, business manager of the shop, said Canadians get really excited to see items from home, especially Tim Hortons coffee, Kraft Dinner and Lay's Dill Pickle chips. "Over the past week, Canadians have been rushing in here last-minute for Canadian flags to wave at the Games," said Flavell. The cost of home?

- Tim Horton's coffee (343 g): \$17.55
- Lay's chips (40 g): £1.30 (\$2)
- Cleary's Maple Syrup (250 mL): £8.15 (\$12.70)
- Cans of Molson Canadian: one for \$3; six for \$16.40; 24 for \$58.50.

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Canada Shop manager Ty Flavell with two best-selling items — Kraft Dinner and Tim Hortons coffee. LAURA FORTEY/FOR METRO



The Maple Leaf pub in Covent Garden in London, England. LAURA FORTEY/FOR METRO

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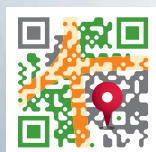
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Shooting suspect was white supremacist: Rights group

Tragedy. Wade Michael Page shot dead by police after six were killed by gunfire at Sikh temple

The gunman who killed six people at a Sikh temple in the U.S. and was killed in a police shootout was a 40-year-old army veteran, officials said Monday, and a civil-rights group identified him as a "frustrated neo-Nazi" who led a white-supremacist band.

Police called Sunday's attack an act of domestic terrorism. The FBI said there was no reason to think anyone else was involved in the attack, and they were not aware of any past threat made against the temple.

The shooter was Wade Michael Page, said First Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Haanstad in Milwaukee. Page was discharged from the army in 1998

Quoted

"To see our community to go through something like this is numbing."

Gurpreet Kaur, 24

and declared ineligible to re-enlist, according to a U.S. defence official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to release information about the suspect.

Officials and witnesses said the gunman walked into the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin and opened fire as several dozen people prepared for Sunday-morning services. Six were killed, and three were critically wounded.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said the gunman used a legally purchased 9mm handgun and multiple magazines of ammunition. Local authorities said they had no contact with Page before Sunday.

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People console each other on Monday near the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin where the day before a gunman fired upon people at service in Oak Creek, Wis.
Inset: Wade Michael Page. MAIN: DARREN HAUCK/GETTY IMAGES; INSET: FBI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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'This is serious,' Japan's nuke-plant chief says on video

Heavily edited. 150 hours of footage has workers' faces obscured and beeps masking voices and other sounds

The command centre at Japan's stricken nuclear plant shook violently when hydrogen exploded at one reactor, and the plant chief shouted, "This is serious! This is serious!" videos taken during last year's crisis reveal.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. initially refused to release the footage, but the company is now under state control and was ordered to do so.

The videos, seen Monday, are mainly of teleconferences between company headquarters in Tokyo and staff at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant after the March 11,



Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex in northeastern Japan. TOKYO ELECTRIC POWER CO./THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

2011, tsunami critically damaged its reactors.

In the videos, then-plant chief Masao Yoshida can be heard complaining about phone calls to the prime minister's office not get-

ting through and expressing frustration over interference from government nuclear-safety officials whose technical advice didn't fit conditions at the stricken plant.

The footage reveals communication problems between the plant and the government as well as workers' lack of knowledge of emergency procedures and delays in informing outsiders about the risks of leaking radiation.

Just after the Unit 3 explosion, plant officials and TEPCO executives discussed extensively whether to call it a hydrogen explosion. The videos also showed they failed to notify officials outside TEPCO and residents about the March 14 meltdown at another unit, No. 2, or even provide data crucial for evacuation.

TEPCO made a 90-minute video of selected clips available for download.

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A-bomb victims remembered

People burn incense and pray in front of a monument for atomic-bomb victims at Japan's Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park on Monday in Hiroshima. Japan marked the 67th anniversary of the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima by the United States on Aug. 6, 1945. About 70,000 people were killed instantly, and in subsequent years many thousands more died from the effects of radiation.

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Extreme rivalry

Diplomat faces murder charge

Kenyan authorities on Monday charged Dwight Sagaray, the first secretary of Venezuela's embassy, with the murder of Olga Fonseca, the acting ambassador to Kenya, who was found strangled the night between July 26 and 27, in what police believe was a killing motivated by a battle over embassy leadership. Also charged was Mohamed Ahmed Mohamed Hassan, Sagaray's friend and an alleged co-conspirator, who has gone into hiding.

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Deportation drive

Greece targeting illegal immigrants

Authorities in Greece are rounding up thousands of suspected illegal immigrants in a large-scale deportation drive.

Police said Monday that 6,000 people were detained over the weekend in Athens. Officers were seen stopping mostly African and Asian people.

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Helium shortage. Medical research up in the air

A dwindling supply of helium worldwide is putting more than the future of party balloons in jeopardy.

The precious, non-renewable gas has important applications related to manufacturing, scientific research and medical care — including cutting-edge research on respiratory illness at an Ontario laboratory.

As the shortage grows, the rising cost has put that research into question.

"It's made it difficult to do the research because it's extremely expensive," said Grace Parraga, a professor and researcher at the Roberts Research Institute at the University of Western Ontario.

Raising concerns

For research, helium is dispensed into the lungs and tracked on a monitor, allowing researchers to directly measure the impact of different treatments for the first time. They have tested other gases, but none work as effectively as helium, which isn't harmful when inhaled.

Even at a discounted price for scientific research, she said her laboratory pays \$795 per litre. That's up from \$300 not so long ago.

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Safety regulation

Don't drink and fly

Australia's air-safety regulator says Qantas Airways Ltd. has suspended a pilot for attempting to fly while under the influence of alcohol.

The Civil Aviation Safety Authority said Monday the woman exceeded the limit for pilots of 0.02 per cent.

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Electronics retailer

Best Buy going private?

Best Buy's founder Richard Schulze said Monday he wants to take the electronics retailer private by buying up all the shares he doesn't already own, in a deal that values the company at \$8.84 billion U.S.

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Exotic-wood violation gives Gibson the Blues

Settlement.

Guitar maker pays penalty to tune of over \$600,000 US to avoid criminal prosecution

Gibson Guitar Corp. avoided a criminal prosecution after the instrument maker acknowledged its importations of exotic wood violated environmental laws.

Nashville-based Gibson agreed to pay a \$300,000 US penalty, forfeit claims to about \$262,000 worth of wood seized by federal agents and contribute \$50,000 to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to promote the conservation of

Busted

"The problem is that virtually every instrument prior to 1970 contains Brazilian rosewood."

George Gruhn, who owns a vintage guitar shop in Nashville, on the endangered wood Gibson Guitar used in its products.



Gibson Guitar CEO Henry Juskiewicz speaks about a raid by federal authorities, at the plant in Nashville, Tenn., in this 2011 file photo. SAMUEL M. SIMPKINS/THE TENNESSEAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

protected tree species.

Gibson didn't immediately respond to a request on Monday for comment. The privately held company is considered one of the top makers of acoustic and electric guitars, including the iconic Les Paul introduced in 1952.

Gibson's decision to cooperate with the federal Lacey Act banning the import of en-

dangered wood products stood in contrast to a publicity campaign mounted in protest after agents raided Gibson facilities in Memphis and Nashville.

Republicans and tea party members had rallied behind CEO Henry Juskiewicz at the time he denounced the raids as overzealous federal regulation that threatened American jobs.

He vowed at the time the company would "fight aggressively to prove our innocence."

The settlement says a Gibson employee learned during a 2008 trip to Madagascar — the source of some of the ebony wood that was seized — that it was illegal to import unfinished wood and sent a report about it to his superiors.

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Food prices could spike by 4% in 2013 due to drought: Economists



A drought-damaged ear of corn in Westfield, Ind., Wednesday.

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Food prices may grow by as much as four per cent next year, economists predict, as drought conditions in the U.S. are expected to inflate the cost of everything from pork to cereal.

Extreme drought conditions in several U.S. Midwest states are causing corn and soybean crops to wither, and analysts say the effects will ripple through the food chain.

Tim Hortons raised the price of certain baked goods

and lunch items last week, citing higher operating costs and pricier ingredients. The coffee-and-doughnut chain said the price of a muffin is five cents higher, while sandwiches have gone up by about 10 cents. The price of coffee has not changed.

And Maple Leaf Foods president and CEO Michael McCain warned last week that the food processor will have to jack up its prices.

Because Maple Leaf buys ingredients in advance, con-

sumers likely won't see higher prices for its products until the end of this year, McCain said.

Analysts also noted last week that food producers from bakery giant George Weston to pop and juice maker Cott Corp. could face higher costs on their key ingredients like flour and sugar. But they also said that grocery stores, facing an increasingly competitive market, may be hesitant to pass the costs onto consumers.

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LIVE FROM LONDON: KEEP CALM AND LINE UP



SHE SAYS...
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This week I'm reporting live from London, England, at the 2012 Summer Olympics. No, not because some glamorous media organization paid for my airfare and hotel expenses

in exchange for my witty sports commentary, but because my cousin decided to get married. In England. During the middle of the Olympics. Did I mention he's actually from America? You've got to love family.

Yes, I have the distinct pleasure of being an unintentional tourist in a city gripped by Olympic madness. As a less-than-enthusiastic sports fan — I'd prefer to watch an intense episode of Big Brother over an hour of long jump — it's rather ironic that I've found myself in the epicentre of the world's largest sporting event.

Medal-worthy travelling

"Having never travelled to an Olympic host city during the actual games (because why would you?), I thought this would be a remarkable new experience."

all the action is taking place.

I read in the Daily Mail that there are almost twice as many troops on the streets of London compared to the U.K.'s current deployment in Afghanistan. When I arrived, I expected the city to look as if it decided to host a fortnight's worth of New Year's Eve parties during the Second World War and invited the entire planet to come watch.

In reality, I haven't seen any army folk, although that could be because they have been positioned to fill empty stadium seats. I actually have no idea if the Olympics are still happening. I've spent hours stuck in lineups (sorry, we're in England, so "queues") and squished into packed buses with sweaty spectators and disgruntled commuters. Every day is my own personal marathon of patience and endurance.

Rumour has it that there are some actual sporting events going on in the east end, but the teenage hooligans hurdling over the turnstiles at King's Cross are the closest I've come to witnessing any impressive athletics.

In the end, the crowds and the traffic jams and even the rain have not dampened the spirits of the British sports fans. Most of them have kept a stiff upper lip about the city-wide takeover; the rest of them have taken off to various other European destinations to escape the pandemonium.

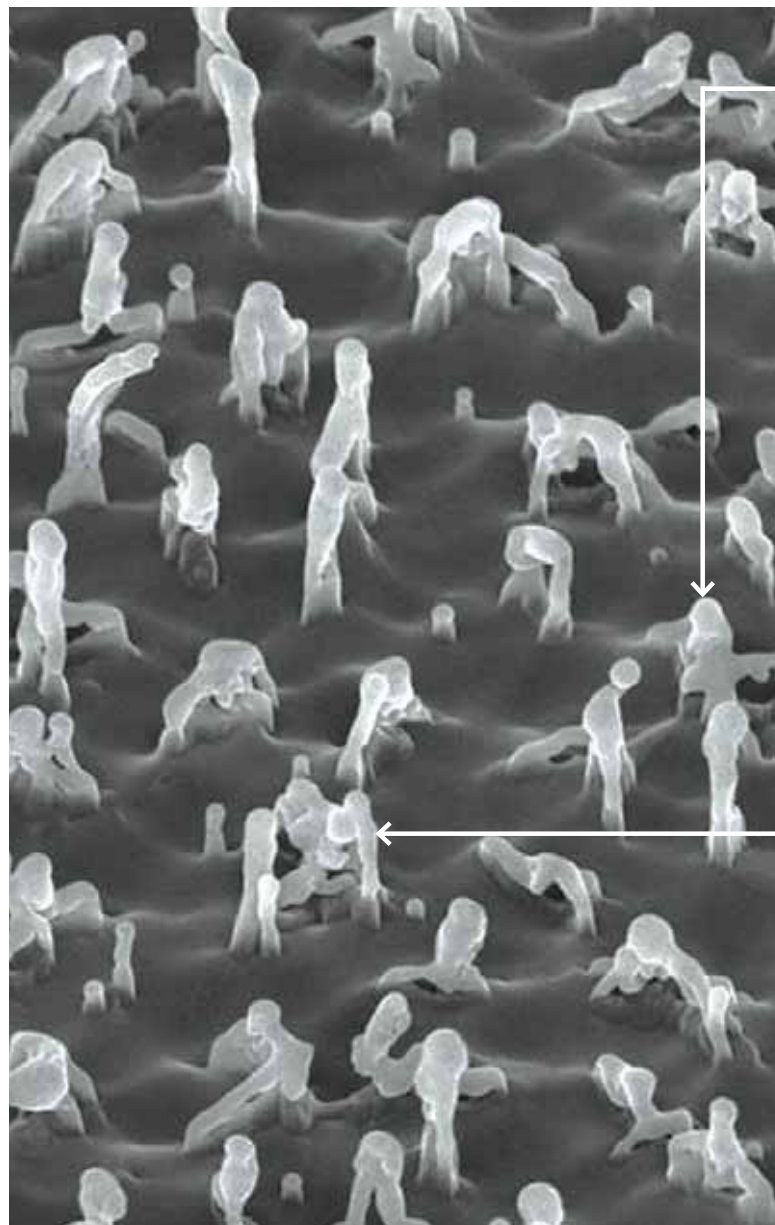
My main coping strategy to survive the mania? Find the closest pub, order a pitcher of Pimm's and join the locals in cheering on the men and women of Team GB.

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A little lost in London? Cheer for Team GB to mesh with the crowd.
DAN KITWOOD/GETTY IMAGES

'Nudist beach' under the microscope



LIM SAW SING/REX FEATURES

Electric orgy?

Semiconductor nudes win contest

This curious photograph appears to show a large orgy of naked people frolicking on a beach. But it's actually an electron image taken under the microscope. The bizarre shot is the winner of the Art of Failure Analysis photography competition, run by the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers). **METRO**

Contest facts

- The contest sees engineers showing the fun side of their research in microelectronics technology. The analysts work on "failure analysis," the process of investigating why a particular electronic component fails.
- The main judging criteria is the aesthetic aspect of the image.

Nudist colony

What the image actually depicts

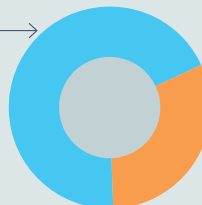
The winning image, entitled *People on the Beach* by Lim Saw Sing, who works at German semiconductor manufacturer Infineon Technologies' facility in Kulim, Malaysia, depicts a polyimide surface after exposure to reactive ion etching and sputter coating. But for Sing, the image of the semiconductor shows nudists cavorting on a beach. **METRO**



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DVD reviews

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax

Directors. Chris Renaud, Kyle Balda

Stars. Zac Efron, Taylor Swift, Danny DeVito

It has Dr. Seuss in the title, but not in its soul. This CGI-rendered and 3D-padded screen adaptation of The Lorax, the eco-themed 1971 tale by the late Dr. Seuss, feels like just another studio cartoon. There's loads of bright colour, but little of the enchantment of more Seussian screenfuls. The Lorax presents a walled and tree-less place named Thneed-Ville, a synthetic suburb where people worship plastic instead of plants. Not everyone, though: teen cutie Audrey (Taylor Swift) yearns for a real tree, and her lovestruck swain Ted (Zac Efron) aims to oblige.

He sets off on a voyage outside Thneed-Ville's confines. The enviro message is all to the good, but the characters just don't do Seuss justice.

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Marley

Director. Kevin Macdonald

Stars. Bob Marley, Ziggy Marley, Jimmy Cliff

A leisurely but thorough biodoc of Jamaican reggae great Bob Marley, showing how the humble man became the superstar artist. Oscar-winner Kevin Macdonald (One Day in September) canvasses every aspect of Marley's brief life. Everyone's heard from, including Marley's widow Rita and a couple of his former mistresses. PETER HOWELL



David Krumholtz and Michael Urie star in the TV series Partners, a buddy comedy, premiering in September on CBS. CBS, MATT KENNEDY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'It's like there should be a show about it!'

Laughing at real life. New sitcoms draw inspiration from their creators' worlds

Got a goofy older brother? Parents you still live with even though you're grown up? An unconventional friendship?

If so, you're too late to turn those ideas into a hit sitcom.

But while you comb your life for something else to fuel a comedy that a network will love, consider three fall sitcoms spawned from the personal lives of their creators.

CBS' Partners explores the lifelong friendship of Louis, who's gay, and Joe, who's straight, as they navigate their architecture business and their respective romantic ties. Their best-friends dynamic is in-

spired by the friendship of Max Mutchnick and David Kohan, who met in high school and, after partnering as TV producers, co-created shows including the megahit Will & Grace.

There's no attempt to hide the lineage of Fox's Ben & Kate. It's the tale of a freewheeling brother, Ben, who comes back into the life of his single-mother younger sister, Kate, to serve as a surrogate dad while continuing his lifelong role as a mischievous child. The show is based on the relationship of its creator, Dana Fox, with her own big brother, whose name is, yes, Ben.

Meanwhile, ABC's How to Live with Your Parents for the Rest of Your Life finds a young mom from a broken marriage seeking refuge at her parents' with her young daughter. It was drawn from the domestic situation of creator Claudia

Lonow, who well into adulthood and despite career success, including producing the sitcom Less than Perfect, continues to live with parents she describes as "charismatic," "super entertaining" and "very weird."

"I've been living there for 15 years, and I've been (developing) the show for about 12," Lonow told reporters this week at the Television Critics Association conference.

Like Polly (played by Sarah Chalke), who descends on TV parents Brad Garrett and Elizabeth Perkins, "I did show up at their doorstep and say, 'I hope this isn't a bad time for YOU, because it is for ME.'"

"They reacted like any loving mother and stepfather would," Lenow recalled, and took her and her daughter in.

"We slept in the weight room on a cot for a while. And

then, when it was time for my daughter to go to grammar school, I bought a house with them. I know it was crazy," she said with a laugh.

"It's like there should be a show about it!"

Sitcoms that smack of autobiography are nothing new, of course. I Love Lucy, 60 years ago, took its cue from the show-biz-infused marital life of Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz.

But Dana Fox has been gathering material for Ben and Kate since the cradle thanks to her brother, Ben, who's two years her senior.

She describes him as a "Ferris Bueller-type guy ... a really, really smart guy who intentionally does incredibly dumb things that would get us into so much trouble. 'He usually has a totally bizarre logic to all of his behaviour.'"

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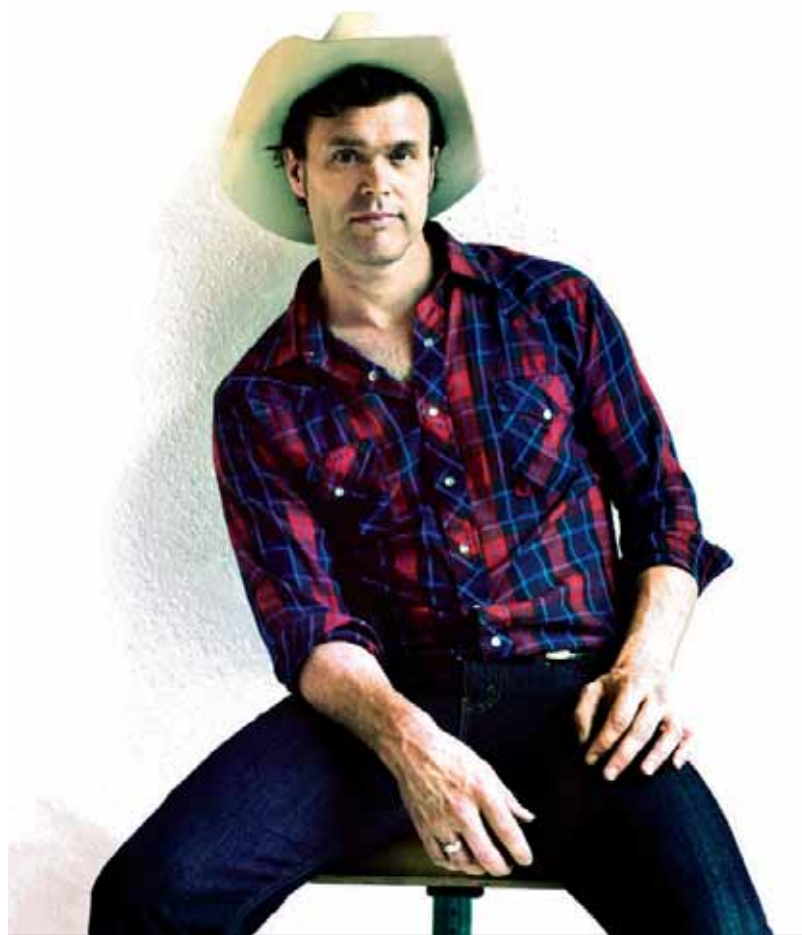
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Corb Lund relies on his Alberta cowboy roots for his musical inspiration. ALEXANDRA VALENTI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cowboy Corb Lund changes his tune for seventh album

Recorded collectively.

Bonus CD of acoustic versions also included to highlight versatility of the Hurtin' Albertans

Quoted

"If you've got a band that goes together like us, there's a real cohesion to it"

Corb Lund, country singer
Explains why he recorded as a group.

Three years ago, Corb Lund began a long struggle to produce his seventh studio album.

"I was just hitting a wall after the sixth record," the 43-year-old country artist said in a recent interview. "I was really stumped for awhile."

For the first year and a half of the album-writing process, Lund spent time living in Las Vegas, New York City and Austin, Texas. He then retreated to the northern Alberta log cabin he built with his aunt and uncle.

After he finished writing the songs, Lund brought them to a recording studio in Edmonton. His touring band, Corb Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans (bass player Kurt

Ciesla, guitarist Grant Siemens and drummer Brandy Valgardson) spent only two weeks recording the songs for the album, aptly named Cabin Fever.

"After being out there (in the cabin) by myself for a few weeks, you start to feel a little snicky," he says of the title.

The song recording followed a unique format. Lund and his band members had always recorded songs in layers, meaning each member plays their part and it gets recorded separately. But this time, Lund says they were tired of that and wanted to do something different.

"We did everything at the same time," he says of record-

ing the songs together. "If you've got a band that goes together like us, there's a real cohesion to it."

Cabin Fever features a second CD with the same songs as the first, but done completely in acoustics.

"I think it showcases a different side of the band," says Lund. "My guys are versatile and it helps display that."

Lund draws on inspiration for his lyrics through his family history. "My grandpas were ranchers and my dad's a cowboy too," he says. "They used to sing these old trail songs, these old ballads."

It wasn't long before Lund realized he could pick up his guitar and play these cowboy songs. Although this is where his inspiration comes from, Lund says there is no overall theme for the album. "I get bored easily," he says. "I try to make records interesting."

Corb Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans will headline the Edmonton Folk Festival on August 12. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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The Word



Fighting words from Elton John

THE WORD

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We're professional gossips over here. Trash talking, unnamed "sources," Twitter fights among grown men: It all comes with the territory, and there's not much that surprises us in this post-Real Housewives world. Except, of course, for Mean Girl at Large, Elton John.

During an interview with Australian TV host Molly Meldrum, Elton let loose when discussing Madonna.

"Why is she such a nightmare? Sorry, her career is over," he said. "Her tour has been a disaster and it couldn't happen to a bigger —"

We feel a back-handed compliment coming on: "If Madonna had any common sense she would have made a record like Ray Of Light and stayed away from the dance stuff and just been a great pop singer and make great pop records, which she does brilliantly," he continued. "But no, she had to go and prove she looks like a f—ing fairground stripper."

Now, do we agree with him? No. But we do respect his expertly conjured tornado of British crankiness and rhinestone platforms.



Macaulay Culkin

Culkin not Home Alone as tabloids claim illness

While tabloid stories claim he's dealing with a massive heroin addiction, Macaulay Culkin made an appearance over the weekend at Natalie Portman's wedding in Big Sur, Calif., according to Us Weekly.

Culkin and Portman have been close friends for years, and the Home Alone star was spotted in February playing with Portman and her infant son, Aleph — right around the time photos surfaced of him looking gaunt and thin, sparking rumours about health issues.

"Macaulay Culkin is in perfectly good health," his rep said at the time. Culkin also popped up this

week looking energetic and happy in a YouTube video promoting Macaulay Culkin's iPod, a monthly party he hosts at a bar in New York City.

Prince William able to avoid 'kiss cam' so far

Prince William may be used to living his life in public as a member of the royal family, but that doesn't mean he's thrilled about public displays of affection — especially when it's broadcast on a massive screen at an Olympic event. "I was absolutely dreading they were going to come and show myself and my wife, and that would have been very embarrassing," William says of the idea of



Prince William

he and Kate Middleton showing up on the "kiss cam" at London's Olympic Velodrome. So far, they've evaded the cam's gaze.

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30 minutes every day. You don't need to put in big workouts to keep in shape in the summer but you do need consistency

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"I don't have time" doesn't cut it as a reason to not exercise.

Short, intense workouts

can hugely improve your fitness.

"Go hard for various bursts of time and then earn a few seconds of rest. These types of workouts can be done in just 30 minutes and are definitely effective," says Sammie Kennedy, CEO and creator of Booty Fit Express in Toronto. We asked her to design some cottage workouts.

People used to think you had to exercise for long periods of time (such as going for an hour-long run) to get fit.

Then, in 1996, Japanese research Dr. Izumi Tabata dis-

covered that only 20 seconds of very intense exercise, followed by 10 seconds of rest, repeated eight times, has both anaerobic and aerobic benefits.

"High-intensity interval training (HIIT) is incredibly time efficient and can result in improved athletic capacity and fat burning," says Kennedy.

And the bonus is that it has lasting benefits.

"It can also increase resting metabolic rate for up to 24 hours after the workout has been completed."

Some exercises

These exercises can be adapted for those who have an injury. The point is to move intensely (and safely!), rest — and repeat. Here are a few Tabata-style exercises Kennedy recommends.

- **Number 1.** In the water, tread water or swim rapidly for 20 seconds, take a 10-second rest. Repeat eight times. (Have a pool noodle beside you for the break)
- **Number 2.** Sprint from the cottage to the road (20 seconds), rest for 10 seconds. Repeat eight times, back and forth.
- **Number 3.** Grab a yoga mat and get on the dock for burpees! Do 20 seconds of deadman burpees (body coming all the way down to the mat), rest for 10 seconds; repeat eight times.

Best Health

Know your family tree of health

BEST HEALTH MINUTE
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Do you know the health secrets your ancestors hold? It's important information. In the September issue of Best Health, coming to newsstands any day now, we've included a comprehensive article about how to best defend against hereditary

health issues such as Alzheimer's disease, depression and stroke. Here are two.

Tip #1: Create a three-generation chart including siblings, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents. Note beside each what known health issues they have, or had.

Tip #2: Write down any major illness you have had, and list your lifestyle habits.

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On the Web



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Lasagna gets all rolled up



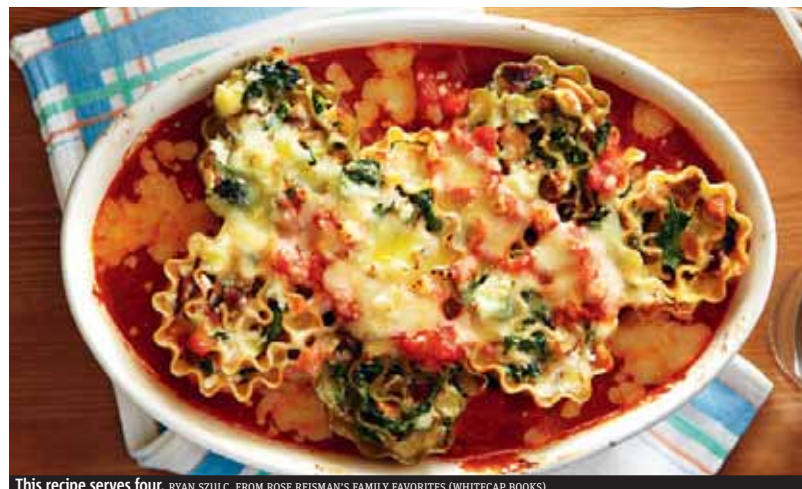
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Instead of making the usual lasagna, opt for this Mushroom and Spinach Miniature Lasagna Rolls version. I love the idea of rolling cooked lasagna sheets to make individual servings. This is a great vegetarian dish that has all the nutrients you need.

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.
2. Bring pot of water to boil. Add lasagna noodles and cook

Ingredients

- 8 lasagna noodles
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 3 cups chopped mushrooms
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach
- 3/4 cup light ricotta (5%)
- 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 1/3 cups tomato sauce
- 3 tbsp shredded mozzarella cheese



This recipe serves four. RYAN SZULC, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S FAMILY FAVORITES (WHITECAP BOOKS)

for about 8 minutes or until the noodles are just tender, stirring often but carefully. Drain and rinse with cold water. Set aside.

3. Coat a large skillet with cooking spray, add the oil and set over medium-high heat. Add onion and garlic and sauté for 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and sauté for 5 more minutes or just until mushrooms are no longer wet. Add spinach and

allow to wilt, about 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and add the ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses, mustard, salt and pepper.

4. Place mix in bowl or food processor and pulse on and off until it is uniformly chopped.

5. Pour 1 cup of tomato sauce into a 9 x 13-inch or 11 x 7-inch casserole dish. Spread about 1/4

cup of cheese mix along length of each sheet. Roll up each noodle and cut in half. Place in baking dish with the ruffled side of lasagna facing up. Pour remaining 1/3 cup of tomato sauce over and sprinkle with grated mozzarella cheese. Cover with foil and bake to 25 minutes or just until heated through and the cheese is melted. Serve hot.

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Health Solutions

Four steps to theme park food survival



NUTRI-BITES
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Theme park season is upon us and in just one carefree day, you can rack up a few thousand empty calories and a pound or two. Here is how to enjoy the day without paying the price for it.

1. Choose your indulgence

Pick one indulgence and look forward to it. Denying yourself everything, all day won't work and your will power will eventually cave. Tell yourself you will indulge in (fill in the blank) at 3 p.m. and stick to it.

2. Breakfast is still most important

Don't skip breakfast. Have a full meal loaded with protein and fibre from fruit as well as whole grain bread. You will feel fuller starting out and be less tempted.

3. Pack food

If you can, pack a lunch. If you can't, order less than you think you will need and share entrées. Portions in 'fun' places tend to be even larger than our already too big plates.

If you are still at the park over the dinner hour, find a sit-down dinner spot and relax over a good meal. Stick to the one indulgence and avoid all deep fried food. Be sure to have a salad and lots of vegetables (assuming they aren't drowning in butter).

4. Walk it out

Most important: Wear running shoes and walk everywhere. A full eight hours of walking can burn 1,000 calories, which may be enough to cover your indulgence.

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The real estate market could come tumbling down. ISTOCK IMAGES

Is the real estate market sagging? Adopt a strategy for an uncertain future

Alison's Money Rule.

Saving, patience and sweat equity should spell success in housing market



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A financial shiver just swept across Canada. It started in Vancouver but was soon felt on the Prairies, central Canada and even the Atlantic provinces. Real estate. Is it heading for a fall?

In July the mighty west coast market blinked. Sales were down 18 per cent compared to 2011, the lowest level since 2000.

Real estate was sagging back in the Y2K days because everyone wanted technology. Then, when the tech bubble burst investors, savers and speculators piled into the only

secure investment thought to exist — real estate.

What followed has been one of the longest running real estate bull markets in Canadian history. It may be over, or not. Either way those wanting to get into the market or upgrade should adopt a strategy that puts them in a good position if prices really dive. Should the market stay steady you will still be better off by reducing future debt levels.

1. Save, save, save

Building up a strong cash position is job one. Even if prices increase slightly (which they have in many markets despite sales numbers dropping), having lots of cash means a smaller mortgage. Interest rates will rise eventually and could rapidly turn an affordable abode into a financial albatross.

2. Develop skills

Sweat equity is one of the best ways to get into the real estate market or boost your real

In numbers

3-5 years

The average length of a flat real estate market following a correction or crash.

estate investment. You may not know a soffit from a joist hanger but you can learn. Offer to help friends renovate, take a course or volunteer for a community-building project. DIYers can save anywhere from 15 to 80 per cent on various repairs and renovations. With skills you can consider purchasing a fixer upper.

3. Have patience

Don't get sucked into the belief that the market will run away from you. Yes, it would have been nice to buy in Toronto or Calgary circa 1995 but it is more important to ensure you can afford what you buy 10 years from now, regardless of interest rates, than to get in before another real estate explosion.

You've got high hopes to retire early, so pick it up



FUN AND FRUGAL
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The BMO Retirement Institute released their Approach to Retirement report last week which revealed that young Canadians aged 18 to 34 have ambitious retirement plans, but nearly one third haven't saved a penny.

If you're young and don't have two nickels to rub together, pick it up!

Thankfully the report also indicates that the millennial generation, of which I am one, does think saving is important.

We've also got more tools to help us plan smarter than any generation that's come before us.

On the flip side, however, our generation

struggles with higher debt levels, less job security, smaller pension plans, and greater cost of living; all of which contribute to a more pressing need to save more earlier on.

If you're budget is maxed, start small — I challenge you to save \$1 per day.

I was holidaying in Victoria and Vancouver last week and over

brunch near Granville Island on Sunday morning a pal brought up the subject of how massive his change collection had become.

Each day he empties the pennies, dimes, nickels and quarters from his pockets into a drawer. He averages a few dollars a day, which has grown to nearly \$400 in savings.

Dig your way through pockets, check the ground or simply downsize your coffee in order to scrounge up your \$1 per day.

Then grow your savings into something more substantial every few months. For example, \$1 per day might turn into \$5 per day if you start couponing

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for groceries, car-pooling and renting out your spare room.

To get ahead, experts recommend using tax-advantaged savings plans like the RRSP and TFSA. Regular automatic contributions will ensure you don't skip out on savings.

Invest the funds wisely and under the guidance of a professional money manager to achieve optimal savings results.

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Crowdfunding trend thrust into spotlight by Canadian campaigns

Charities. Internet-based fundraising is still a relatively new phenomenon

A burlesque troupe, a film about female Palestinian race car drivers and a bullied American bus monitor — as diverse as those topics are, they all share a common Canadian thread.

All three projects sparked crowdfunding campaigns, an Internet-based trend which gained popularity recently when a Toronto man launched a wildly successful fundraising effort for a Rochester, N.Y., grandmother.

Max Sidorov responded to heart-wrenching video posted online of bus monitor Karen Klein being tormented by a group of schoolchildren by setting up a campaign on fundraising site Indiegogo.

More than 30,000 donors responded to that effort by donating more than \$700,000, far surpassing Sidorov's original target of \$5,000 to give Klein a much-needed vacation.

Crowdfunding skips a step by avoiding charities, and

gets money directly from a donor to the person being helped. There are fewer fundraising costs involved, but some of the organizations aren't registered with the Canada Revenue Agency, which acts as a charity watchdog, said a fundraising and volunteer management professor at Humber College in Toronto.

"If you're using crowdfunding, the moment the money is out of your bank account, you've lost all control of it," said Ken Wyman.

Fraud is a possibility, he said, because if a charity isn't registered, there is no way to guarantee where a donation is going.

"It also raises

the spectre of 700,000 dollars being raised for a

single person who doesn't really need it or know

what to do with it in a world where 700,000 dollars could save many lives," Wyman said.

Canadian-born filmmaker Amber Fares has raised more than \$26,000 on Indiegogo to fund her first feature-length film *Speed Sisters: Racing in Palestine*, and Toronto-based burlesque troupe *Les Coquettes* has raised almost \$3,000 to support touring and production over the next two years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Teaching new skills

A finishing school in 2012?

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Concluding my ocean crossing last week, I had the pleasure and honour of visiting a business colleague Madame Viviane Neri in Montreux, Switzerland.

Now Madame Neri owns one of the world's most

famous and well-respected ladies finishing schools. While we were touring the school, I asked Madame Neri what I perceived as an innocent but most relevant question on all of our minds. Why do women need to go to a ladies finishing school in the year 2012?

Well foolish me for asking the question, because I certainly got a bit of a well-deserved earful.

We ignorantly think of ladies finishing schools as something antiquated, where ladies are taught how to dress

and be a "perfect hostess" in a world where the man works and the lady stays home and lives and breathes to make her home the best.

But finishing school in 2012 has nothing to do with ladies who lunch. It is focused on training women to become professionals at international business.

It may seem silly to some, but understanding cross-cultural communication and being able to use these to your advantage in business gives you a distinctive advantage. A woman like Queen

Elizabeth II, for example, conducts international public relations, events and ceremonies on behalf of the government, but in her case she was taught these skills at home.

Today, the modern woman goes to this type of school to learn these vital skills.

During the six-week program students learn correct international table manners, table setting, correct and appropriate conversation and how to position this knowledge to their strict advantage.

This school is so tough it has 45 exams during the six weeks in order to graduate with a diploma.

Remember, many business deals occur in places other than a boardroom, and this is where the Institut Villa Pierrefeu has a distinct advantage as the oldest finishing school.

So who is the typical student?

Well, interestingly enough, women attend the school from North America, the Middle East and Asia, making it truly a global

program. Everyone from the middle class, all the way up the social ladder to royal family members make up today's typical classroom.

I would be remiss if I did not mention that the head instructor at this school is Mrs. Rosemary McCullum, a born and raised Canadian.

When I found this out, I was once again reminded of one of the many reasons I am so proud to be a Canadian — the Swiss have imported a fellow Canuck to teach international manners to the world.

Teens schooled on ending their relationships in a healthy way

Avoiding potential violence. Program aims to help kids break up without any serious acrimony

Andrew Curtin said it happened at least twice at his Boston-area high school in the last year. Angry about a breakup, a boy ended up at the school nurse's office with a broken hand after punching a locker or a wall.

"You don't think about when you see two people walking down the hall, 'Are they in a bad relationship or is it good?'" the 17-year-old Wal-tham High School senior said.

But he was among about 250 teenagers at a seminar at Simmons College on Thursday. And the dating advice was coming from an unlikely source: City government officials.

Boston's Public Health Commission partnered with local social service agencies to put on its third annual Break-Up Summit for teens as part of a \$1 million, four-year grant



When it comes to relationships, experts say that teens are being strongly influenced by popular culture. ISTOCK

from Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Nationwide, the \$18 million program known as Start Strong is aimed at teaching teens in 11 cities to prevent dating violence by ending relationships in a way that doesn't spark negative behaviour — cheating, public humiliation,

or worse.

Nicole Daley, who heads Boston's Start Strong program, said a bad teenage relationship can lead to problems like depression, low self-esteem, falling academic grades, and even unwanted pregnancies in cases where one partner tries to manipulate the other. There's also

the risk of a physically dangerous confrontation.

"In popular media, cheating is seen as an excuse for violence," Daley said.

Recent studies by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed about 10 per cent of students nationwide reported a boyfriend or

girlfriend had physically hurt them in the last year. CDC statistics also showed that among adults who were victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner, 15 per cent of men and 22 per cent of women first experienced some kind of partner violence when they were be-

tween 11 and 17 years old.

Teens who were part of Thursday's seminar described a dating scene where social media can make ending relationships even more emotionally fraught.

Many said that changing one's Facebook status back to "single" was the worst way to break up with a significant other.

Other teens talked about breaking up by sending a text message, or being on the receiving end of one.

They also spoke about fights they'd seen in their schools between students who were in competition for another student's affections.

Counsellors at the forum urged teens to communicate with partners about relationship boundaries, together defining whether they were "just texting," casually "hooking up," "friends with benefits," or in a monogamous relationship.

They also encouraged students to end relationships with face-to-face contact, and to look for signs that ongoing relationships could turn abusive.

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Fehr says NHLPA close to making counter proposal

Tennis. Head of players' union has been in Europe to get feedback from players

Donald Fehr nearly has all his ducks in a row.

The globe-trotting head of the NHL Players' Association is just about ready to counter the league's initial proposal for a new collective bargaining agreement.

He's likely to make at least part of his pitch during the scheduled talks in New York this week, Fehr told The Canadian Press on Monday.

"I think that there's certainly a possibility — a reasonable one — that we'll be in a position to make some further response," Fehr said in an interview. "Whether we'll be in a position to make an alternative proposal yet I don't know."

It's been nearly a month since the NHL laid out its vision for the new CBA. The July 13 proposal to the NHLPA included an immediate 24 per cent reduction in salaries, the introduction of several new restrictions on contracts and a redefinition of hockey-related revenue that would see the percentage paid to players each

Information exchange

The current CBA is scheduled to expire Sept. 15. A request to the NHL seeking comment about the status of talks wasn't immediately returned.

- After receiving the NHL's initial proposal, the union requested audited financial statements from all 30 teams and ended up being delivered some 76,000 pages of information last week. Soon after, Fehr departed for Europe to meet with players.

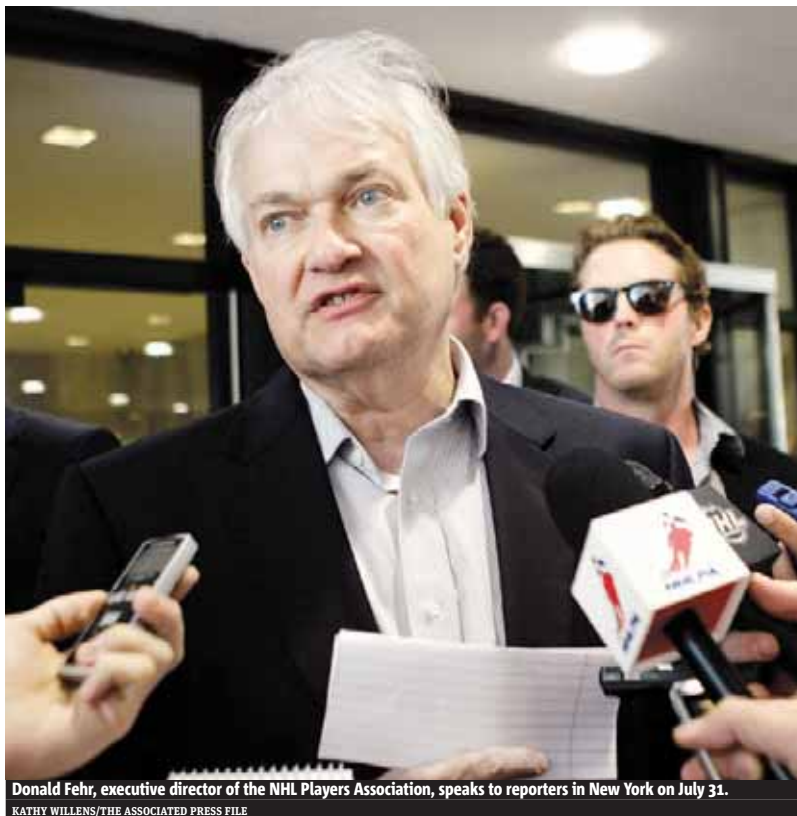
season drop from 57 to 43.

The league and union are scheduled to resume talks on Tuesday, with Fehr scheduled to join the four-day session later in the week after making his way back to North America.

He visited Moscow late last week — sitting down with Evgeni Malkin and Ilya Kovalchuk, among others — before holding a session Monday in Barcelona that was attended by roughly 40 players.

The main topic of discussion has been the negotiations, which have been underway for more than six weeks.

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Donald Fehr, executive director of the NHL Players Association, speaks to reporters in New York on July 31.

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Canada's Polansky ousted in Toronto



Peter Polansky returns the ball against Matthew Ebden during Rogers Cup tennis in Toronto on Monday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raonic's route

Rising Canadian star Milos Raonic will face Viktor Troicki of Serbia in his first match at the Rogers Cup in Toronto.

- Troicki advanced Monday with a 6-4, 7-6 win over Alex Bogomolov Jr. of Russia.
- Raonic had a bye in the first round.

Peter Polansky breezed through the first set of his first-round match at the Rogers Cup.

But then it all fell apart for the 24-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., as Australian Matthew Ebden stormed back to take the match 0-6, 6-4, 6-3.

The first set took just 19 minutes as Polansky, a wild-card entry in the Toronto tournament, dominated.

"In the first set, his level just, he just wasn't there," Polansky said. "He was missing almost every single ball. And then he almost 360'd from there."

The tempo of the match changed in the second set

as Ebden, also 24, took the first three games after an adjustment in tactics. The rallies were longer but even then Polansky had a chance in the first game to continue his first-set dominance.

"I had those two break points at 15-40 in the first game on his serve in the second set," Polansky said. "He held that game and then I got broken in the next game. After that it was just — you can call it a disaster."

Ebden will play Mardy Fish in the next round of the tournament.

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Major League Soccer

Coroner leaning towards natural death in Urso case

A coroner said signs pointed to "an apparent natural death" pending results from toxicology tests and other tissue after an autopsy was performed on Columbus Crew's Kirk Urso on Monday.

The 22-year-old Urso was pronounced dead early Sunday morning at Grant Medical Center after collapsing at a downtown Columbus bar and restaurant.

Franklin County Coroner Jan Gorniak said toxicology tests will not be finalized for four to six weeks.

"It's leaning toward an apparent natural death, but we don't know why," Gorniak said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Kirk Urso. GETTY IMAGES FILE

CFL

Riders add kicking and lineman depth

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have signed non-import kicker Sandro DeAngelis and import defensive lineman Jay Alford.

Financial details of the agreements announced Monday were not released. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NFL

"There's no excuse for it."

New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez. About 20 Jets players were involved in a brief brawl during a chippy practice Monday after running back Joe McKnight and safety D'Antion Lynn tangled after a play.



Mobile sports



Over his remarkable career, Michael Phelps has struck deals with a plethora of sponsors. But not everyone at the London Games can be showered with corporate largesse like the most decorated Olympian of all time. Most work one, two, even seven jobs while finding time to train to face fully funded pros. Scan the code for the story.

4 SPORTS

Last-gasp goal by U.S. ends Canadians' dream of gold

Womens' soccer.

Winner scored with match moments away from penalty kicks. A first bronze medal still possible for Canada

Canada's women's soccer team has suffered Olympic heart-break once again at the hands of its archrival.

Alex Morgan scored in the 123rd minute Monday to lead the No. 1-ranked United States to a 4-3 victory over the seventh-ranked Canadians in the semifinals of the London Olympics, delivering a dagger in the heart of a squad that paced the U.S. goal for goal all night long.

Canada's captain Christine Sinclair recorded a hat trick — goals No. 141 through 143 of her illustrious career — to lead her team in what was almost a massive upset.

But as the possibility of penalty kicks loomed large, Morgan rose to meet a cross and deftly placed a header past Canadian goalkeeper Erin McLeod, continuing Canada's eleven years of hurt. Canada hasn't beaten its North American rival since 2001 — a span of 27 games.

Megan Rapinoe scored twice for the U.S., while Abby Wambach scored on a penalty kick in a gripping game played in the historic confines of Manchester United's Old Trafford Stadium.

Wambach's penalty came after the U.S. was given a free

Next up

- The Canadians will play France for the bronze medal on Thursday in Coventry, while the U.S. will battle Japan, 2-1 winners over the French, in the other semifinal.
- Canada will still play for its first medal in Olympic soccer history, and what would be the country's first Summer Games medal in a team sport — not counting rowing or equestrian — since 1936.

kick outside the Canadian box by Norwegian referee Christiana Pedersen when McLeod was whistled for holding the ball for more than six seconds. Marie-Eve Nault was charged with a handball in the penalty area on the ensuing kick.

"We feel like we didn't lose, we feel like it was taken from us," Sinclair said. "It's a shame in a game like that that was so important, the ref decided the result before it started."

Canadian coach John Herdman was livid with Pedersen.

"She'll have to sleep in bed tonight after watching the replays, she's got that to live with," he said. "We'll move on from this, I wonder if she'll be able to."

Sinclair's first goal came in the 22nd minute and the two teams would trade goals in rapid-fire succession for the rest of the night.

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Canada forwards Christine Sinclair, left, and Melissa Tancredi can't hide their disappointment after losing 4-3 in extra time on Monday in the women's soccer semifinal against the U.S. in Manchester at the Olympic Games. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Equestrian

Canada falls short in show jumping

Canada had seasoned riders but not the equivalent horsepower to repeat as Olympic medallists in team show jumping.

Ian Millar of Perth, Ont., Eric Lamaze of Schomberg, Que., and Jill Henselwood of Oxford Mills, Ont., finished fifth Monday.

Britain won a jump-off for gold against the Netherlands in front of a frenzy of Union Jacks at Greenwich Park. Saudi Arabia was third.

The trio earned team silver four years ago in Beijing, but all came to London on youthful horses with less experience.

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Ian Millar on horseback Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Overall performance

Canadian medal haul stalls at 10

Canada has gone back-to-back days without a medal for the first time at these Olympic Games after missing the podium Monday.

After a solid first half, Canada remains stalled at 10 medals, including one gold.

The goal is a top-12 finish in the overall medal standings. Canada is tied for 11th with the Netherlands.

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Tuesday's 3 to watch



Women's basketball

Unlike their U.S. opponents, Canada is in uncharted territory. Canada is playing in its first quarter-finals while anything less than gold will be a disappointment to the Americans.

Time: 9 a.m.

Channel: TSN

Cycling

Edmonton's Tara Whitten stands fourth at the midway point of the six-event omnium at the Olympic Velodrome.

The two-time world omnium champion already won bronze in the women's team pursuit at the Games.

Time: 11 a.m.
Channel: TSN



Men's soccer

The only top contender left in the men's soccer tournament, Brazil has no excuse to leave London without the gold medal. First, though, it will have to get past South Korea in the semifinals.

Time: 12 p.m.
Channel: TSN
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Hurdling. Zelinka gets back on track by qualifying for 100-metre hurdle semis

Jessica Zelinka returned to the track at the London Games on Monday morning and booked a spot in the semifinals of the 100-metre hurdles.

The London, Ont., athlete finished second in her heat with a time of 12.75 seconds. The semifinals will be held Tuesday.

"This was my warm up day and tomorrow will be my race day," said Zelinka.

She'll be joined by Phyllicia George of Markham, Ont., and Nikkita Holder of Pickering, Ont., who also made it through qualifying.

Zelinka is looking to rebound from a disappointing seventh-place finish in the heptathlon over the weekend.

She elected to rest on Sunday and wasn't sure exactly what to expect after re-



Jessica Zelinka. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

turning to competition.

"I'm just glad I found my legs again and this is just like a reminder saying, 'Body, you're not done, and

Quoted

"This was my warm up day and tomorrow will be my race day."

London, Ont.'s Jessica Zelinka qualified for Thursday's semifinals in the 100-metre hurdles event

tomorrow, keep it going even more," said Zelinka.

It was a productive morning session for Canadian athletes.

Geoff Harris of Halifax advanced in the men's 800 metres with a personal-best time of 1:45.97 while Hilary Stellingwerff of Grand Bend, Ont., and Winnipeg's Nicole Sifuentes each qualified for the semifinals of the women's 1,500 metres.

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Spencer's medal aspiration takes knockout blow

Boxing. Three-time world champion loses in quarter-finals to China's Jinzi Li

Canadian boxer Mary Spencer was eliminated from the London Olympics on Monday after dropping a four-round decision to Jinzi Li of China.

The three-time world champion looked solid early, but Li connected with a few haymakers in the second round to move into the lead and hold out for victory. The bout could have gone either way in the final round, but Li was the aggressor and outscored Spencer 17-14 overall.

"You win some and you lose some," said Spencer's longtime coach Charlie Stewart. "It's just when you lose them that it counts the most."

Li used a swarming, physical



Mary Spencer, left, of Canada competes against China's Jinzi Li. SCOTT HEAVEY/GETTY IMAGES

strategy against the Canadian, going for regular haymakers with a lot of clutching and grabbing. "I didn't expect that kind of pressure on me," Spencer said. "I expected more jabbing. But I have to adjust. It's my fault for not adjusting."

Spencer, from Wiarton, Ont., landed a few punches ear-

ly but rarely used her powerful jab. She seemed rather ordinary in the ring.

"In Olympic boxing if you don't have your hands up, you're giving free points," said Canadian team coach Sylvain Gagnon. "You can't win the fight like that."

Spencer defeated Li in their two previous meetings but never got on track before a near-capacity crowd at ExCel South Arena 2. The Canadian seemed flat and couldn't generate any momentum.

"I don't have an excuse for losing," Spencer said. "We went in there, it was fair and we were both given the same opportunities. She came out the better boxer today."

Li will next meet Russia's Nadezda Torlopova in the semifinals Wednesday. Kazakhstan's Marina Volnova will face American Claressa Shields in the other semifinal.

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Day 10 results

MEDAL STANDINGS

179 of 302 total medal events

| Nation | G | S | B | Total |
|---------------|----|----|----|-------|
| China | 31 | 19 | 14 | 64 |
| United States | 29 | 15 | 19 | 63 |
| Russia | 7 | 17 | 18 | 42 |
| Britain | 18 | 11 | 11 | 40 |
| Japan | 2 | 12 | 14 | 28 |
| France | 8 | 9 | 9 | 26 |
| South Korea | 11 | 5 | 6 | 22 |
| Germany | 5 | 10 | 7 | 22 |
| Australia | 2 | 12 | 8 | 22 |
| Italy | 7 | 6 | 4 | 17 |
| Netherlands | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| Canada | 1 | 3 | 6 | 10 |
| Ukraine | 3 | 0 | 6 | 9 |
| Hungary | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| Belarus | 3 | 2 | 3 | 8 |

WHAT CANADA DID

Monday at the 2012 London Olympics

ATHLETICS

Men's 800 — Geoff Harris, Halifax, finished second in his heat and qualified with a time of one minute, 45.97 seconds.

Women's 100 hurdles — All three Canadians entered in first-round qualifying advanced to the next round. Jessica Zelinka, Calgary, finished second in her heat with a time of 12.75. Nikkita Holder, Pickering, Ont., finished fifth in her heat four in 12.93. And Phyllicia George, Markham, Ont., finished second in her heat in 12.83.

Women's 1500 — Both Canadians entered in first-round qualifying advanced to the next round. Hilary Stellingwerf, Grand Bend, Ont., finished sixth in her heat with a time of four minutes, 57.9 seconds. And Nicole Sifuentes, Winnipeg, finished seventh in her heat in 4:07.65.

Women's shot put — Julie Labonte, Ste-Justine, Que., finished 11th in her qualifying group with a throw of 17.48 metres and failed to advance to the next round.

Women's 200 — Crystal Emmanuel, Toronto, finished fifth in her first-round qualifying heat in 23.10 and advanced to the next round.

Women's 400 hurdles — Sarah-Lynn Wells, Toronto, finished eighth in her semifinal heat in 56.71 and failed to advance to the final.

BOXING

Women's 75kg — Mary Spencer, Wiarton, Ont., lost 17-14 in her quarter-final match to Li Jinzi of China.

Men's 91+kg — Simon Kean, Trois-Rivieres, Que., lost 20-6 to Ivan Dychko of Kazakhstan in a men's quarter-final bout.

CANOE-KAYAK

Men's kayak singles 1,000 — Adam van Ko-

everden, Oakville, Ont., won his semifinal heat with a time of three minutes, 28.209 seconds and advanced to the final.

Men's canoe singles 1,000 — Mark Oldershaw, Burlington, Ont., finished second in his semifinal heat in 3:52.197 and advanced to the final.

Men's kayak doubles 1,000 — Ryan Cochrane, Windsor, N.S., and Hugues Fournel, Lachine, Que., finished fifth in their semifinal heat in 3:29.819 and advanced to the final.

CYCLING

Women's omnium — Tara Whitten, Edmonton, is in fourth place overall after three races. She will race for a medal on Tuesday.

EQUESTRIAN

Team jumping — Canada (Jill Henselwood, Oxford Mills, Ont.; Eric Lamaze, Schomberg, Ont.; Ian Millar, Perth, Ont.), finished fifth with a score of 26.

Individual jumping — Millar finished in a tie for 11th place with a score of eight. Lamaze finished in a tie for 22nd with a score of nine.

SAILING

Women's laser radial — Danielle Dube, Glen Haven, N.S., finished 27th after the final rankings with a score of 220.

Men's laser — David Wright, Toronto, finished 23rd after the final rankings with a score of 184.

Men's 470 — Mike Leigh and Luke Ramsay, both Vancouver, are in 24th place after the eighth race.

Men's 49er — Hunter Lowden, West Vancouver, B.C., and Gordon Cook, Toronto, are in 16th place after the 14th race.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Duet — Marie-Pier Boudreau, Riviere-du-Loup, Que., and Elise Marcotte, Quebec City, finished fourth with a score of 189.250 and advanced to the next round.

DIVING

Men's three-metre springboard — Both Canadians entered in the preliminary round advanced to the semifinal. Alexandre Despatie, Montreal, finished ninth with a score of 458.55. Francois Imbeau-Dulac, St-Lazare, Que., finished 12th with a score of 449.30.

SOCCER

Women — Canada lost 4-3 to the U.S. in extra time in the semifinals, despite getting all three goals from Christine Sinclair, Burnaby, B.C. Canada will now play France for the bronze on Thursday.

SOCCER

WOMEN

SEMIFINALS

Monday, Aug. 6
At Wembley, England

Japan 2, France 1

At Manchester, England
United States 4, Canada 3, extra time

BRONZE MEDAL MATCH

Thursday, Aug. 9
At Coventry, England

France vs. Canada, 8 a.m.

GOLD MEDAL MATCH

Thursday, Aug. 9
At Wembley, England

Japan vs. United States, 2:45 p.m.

UNITED STATES 4, CANADA 3

Canada 1 2 0 0-3

United States 0 3 0 1-4

First Half—1, Canada, C.Sinclair, 22.

Second Half—2, United States, M.Rapinoe, 54, 3, Canada, C.Sinclair, 67, 4, United States, M.Rapinoe, 70, 5, Canada, C.Sinclair, 73, 6, United States, A.Wambach, 80 (PK).

First Extra Time—None.

Second Extra Time—7, United States, A.Morgan, 120+3.

Yellow Cards—D.Scott, Canada, 60; M.Tancredi, Canada, 79.

Red Cards—None.

Referee—Christiana Pedersen, Norway. **Assistant Referees**—Hege Steinlund, Norway; Lada Roic, Croatia. **Fourth Official**—Hong Eun Ah, South Korea.

BASKETBALL

MEN

| Country | W | L | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|-----|
| United States | 5 | 0 | 10 |
| France | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Argentina | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Lithuania | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Nigeria | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| Tunisia | 0 | 5 | 5 |

Group B

| Country | W | L | Pts |
|-----------|---|---|-----|
| Russia | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Brazil | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| Australia | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Spain | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Britain | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| China | 0 | 5 | 5 |

Monday, Aug. 6

Australia 82, Russia 80
Lithuania 76, Tunisia 63
France 79, Nigeria 73
Britain 90, China 58
Brazil 88, Spain 82
United States 126, Argentina 97

Doping

Italy's Schwazer won't get chance to defend title

Defending Olympic 50K race-walk champion Alex Schwazer was caught doping in Italy and will miss the London Games.

The Italian Olympic Committee, also known as CONI, said Monday that Schwazer

tested positive for doping and has been removed from the team.

CONI President Gianni Petrucci said Schwazer had admitted to doping on what was a "bitter day" for Italian sports.

Earlier Monday, the team said an unidentified athlete had failed a doping test conducted for the World Anti-Doping Agency before arriving in London.

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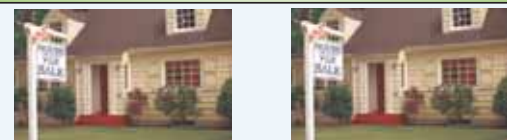
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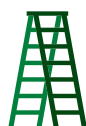
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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20
Don't just assume that what is good for others is going to be good for you too. The opposite is likely true. The first rule of life is to do no harm — especially to yourself.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21
Your confidence will reach new heights over the next 24 hours and if you use it sensibly, anything is possible. Remember though that might does not make right. There will always be someone stronger than you.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21
As Venus moves into the money area of your chart today, you won't be quite so worried about how much you spend. But that is not an excuse to splash out on things you don't need. Balance.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23
With Venus, planet of attraction, moving into your birth sign you will get admiring glances wherever you go and whatever you do. You will find both love and excitement today — or, more likely, they will find you.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23
The more critics and rivals tell you that some things are not possible, the more you will strive to prove them wrong. Go out of your way to show the world what you are capable of. It's far more than most people realize.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may be inclined to forgive someone who has let you down but unless you want this to become a regular occurrence, you must make it clear that your generosity of spirit stretches only so far.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Venus, your ruler and planet of attraction, crosses the career angle of your chart today, so most likely you will be praised by everyone. The world admires, and needs, your special talents.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you can find the right balance between charm and assertiveness today, you can win over someone whose approval you have been seeking for a very long time. Travel plans are well starred too, so get out into the world.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You need to be more open about what you think and feel because the more you show your vulnerable side, the more other people will open up to you in turn. Let them see you care — like they care.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Venus moving into your opposite sign makes this the ideal time to start something new on either the creative or romantic fronts — or both. Turn on the charm and persuade others to give you the chance you deserve.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
For too long you have been focusing on issues that are of no real importance, while neglecting those which should have been dealt with a long time ago. It's not too late to change things. Start now.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20
In all one-to-one situations, both in your personal life and at work, your powers of persuasion will get you out of almost any kind of trouble you may find yourself in.
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Crossword: Canadian Miscellany

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG

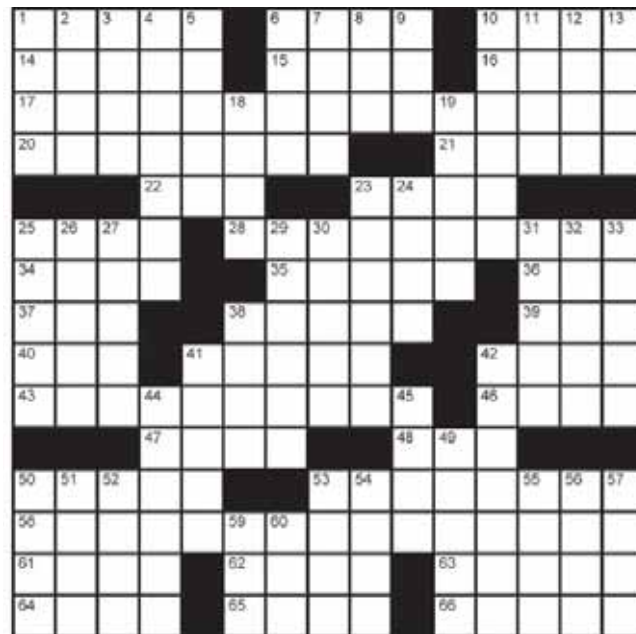
Across

- Action words
- Alta. neighbor
- Lost seaworthiness
- Abraham's son
- Lhasa ____ : small dog
- Bassoon relative
- Victoria's location (2 wds.)
- Wrote (a book)
- List items
- Any of 43-Across: abbr.
- "Mmm-hmm" (2 wds.)
- ____ *La Douce*: 1963 Lemmon-Maclaine film
- Calgary team
- Anon
- Show contempt for, as a contract (2 wds.)
- Clean the kitchen floor
- Solo of *Star Wars*
- Continue without a break (2 wds.)
- Oriental sash
- Halloween mo.
- Pursuits of good reporters
- "I have ____ good authority" (2 wds.)
- They form the Alberta-BC border (2 wds.)
- Aerialist precautions
- For Your ____ Only
- Here: Fr.
- Barracks boss, briefly
- Ottawa team
- Alberta, Saskatchewan, or BC (2 wds.)
- Has ____ with: is connected (2 wds.)
- Fast-moving sport jai ____
- ____ Joe's": diner

- invitation (2 wds.)
- Pop
- Iditarod's Alaska terminus
- Be careless with a bucket

Down

- ____ *Las Vegas*: 1964 Elvis movie
- Biblical Jacob's brother
- Angry outburst
- Winnipeg's Randy ____ : cofounder of 1970s rock band familiarly called BTO
- "Get out of here!"
- Computer menu selection
- Copied
- Letters that once designated Soviet republics
- Goldfish cousin in backyard ponds
- Flew alone, perhaps for the first time
- "I've got ____ feeling about this!" (2 wds.)
- "That's a ____!" (taboo)
- Sneakers brand
- Banquet coffeepots
- At quite an incline
- "I hate to ____ on you, but ..." (ask a lot of)
- Created a web or a tale
- ____ the Sheriff" (2 wds.)
- Disliked insect
- ____ Carlo: Monaco's



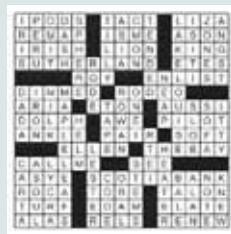
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- capital
- Semis
- ____ a stinker?": Bugs Bunny line (2 wds.)
- Overact
- Automaton
- PR interpretations
- 100-metre dash, e.g.
- Hotel lobby
- First letter
- Saskatchewan's capital

- Comb. form for China, as in ____-Soviet
- Bat lairs
- Aromatherapy spots
- Florence's river
- Weapon to combat 26-Down
- Unwanted email
- Great Lake
- Having knowledge of
- Some TVs

- Actor Green of Austin Powers movies or Adam's third son
- Bond creator Fleming
- "Evil Woman" group, briefly

Friday's crossword



What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.



Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

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st:32409 • **\$13,650** • bw:\$150*

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LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 32606km
st:34209 • **\$14,780** • bw:\$162*

09 NISSAN ROGUE
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 60968km
st:32613-A • **\$16,950** • bw:\$161**

08 PONTIAC TORRENT
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 75537km
st:33159 • **\$13,380** • bw:\$147*

07 SANTA FE AWD
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 99543km
st:32698 • **\$12,900** • bw:\$142*

11 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT
LOADED, A/C • 38421km
st:33375 • **\$17,450** • bw:\$149***

08 MAZDA TRIBUTE
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 94336km
st:33862 • **\$11,870** • bw:\$130*

07 FORD EDGE SEL AWD
LOADED, A/C, LTHR, AUTO • 95433km
st:32926-A • **\$17,850** • bw:\$196*

07 CADILLAC CTS
LOADED, A/C, LTHR • 64065km
st:33383 • **\$16,930** • bw:\$186*

08 BMW X3 AWD
LOADED, A/C, ROOF, LTHR • 51156km
st:33285 • **\$29,650** • bw:\$310*

08 SAAB 9-3 2.0T
LOADED, ROOF, LTHR, AUTO • 90901km
st:33488 • **\$13,980** • bw:\$153*

10 TOYOTA COROLLA CE
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 63293km
st:32951 • **\$12,500** • bw:\$106***

08 FORD FUSION SE
LOADED, A/C, ROOF • 70497km
st:33130 • **\$10,750** • bw:\$118*

09 AVEO LS
A/C, AUTO • 66333km
st:31053-A • **\$8,820** • bw:\$84**

08 FORD ESCAPE XLT
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 79083km
st:32826 • **\$13,500** • bw:\$148*

09 FORESTER AWD
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 113766km
st:33820 • **\$14,860** • bw:\$141**

11 SCION XD
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 26280km
st:33854 • **\$16,970** • bw:\$144***

11 FORD FIESTA SE
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 50713km
st:33517 • **\$13,980** • bw:\$118***

10 SUZUKI SX4
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 61116km
st:32762 • **\$11,980** • bw:\$102***

11 HYUNDAI SONATA
LOADED, A/C, MAGS, AUTO • 56556km
st:32771 • **\$16,950** • bw:\$152***

10 EQUINOX LS AWD
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 63009km
st:33050 • **\$18,850** • bw:\$160***

08 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GL
STD • 34056km
st:33047 • **\$8,450** • bw:\$92*

11 SMART FORTWO
LOADED, PANORAMIC ROOF • 23464km
st:33682 • **\$13,670** • bw:\$116***

07 HYUNDAI ACCENT GLS
STD • 102442km
st:33670-A • **\$5,950** • bw:\$65*

07 NISSAN ALTIMA 2.5SL
LOADED, A/C, LTHR, AUTO • 76686km
st:33835 • **\$11,930** • bw:\$131*

10 SENTRA XTRONIC
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 60529km
st:32385 • **\$11,400** • bw:\$97***

08 YARIS CE
STD • 95550km
st:33951 • **\$7,950** • bw:\$87*

07 TRAILBLAZER 4WD
LOADED, A/C, ROOF • 79210km
st:33199 • **\$14,870** • bw:\$163*

11 DODGE AVENGER SXT
LOADED, A/C, ROOF, AUTO • 24624km
st:33540 • **\$16,850** • bw:\$143***

08 NISSAN MAXIMA 3.5SE
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 89027km
st:34120 • **\$14,870** • bw:\$163*

08 VOLKSWAGEN RABBIT
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 83644km
st:33925 • **\$11,670** • bw:\$128*

09 TOYOTA MATRIX
LOADED, A/C • 68124km
st:33622 • **\$12,960** • bw:\$123**

08 ACURA CSX
LOADED, A/C, LTHR, ROOF • 81716km
st:33762 • **\$14,970** • bw:\$164*

08 MINI COOPER CLUBMAN
LOADED, LTHR, ROOF • 70545km
st:33687 • **\$18,650** • bw:\$205*

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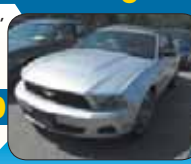
10 Sebring Touring

• CONVERTIBLE,
Loaded, A/C
• st: 33209
• km: 17028
\$22,850
\$182***
Bi-weekly



10 Mustang

• CONVERTIBLE,
Loaded, Lthr
• st: 33737
• km: 37399
\$24,890
\$198***
Bi-weekly



07 PT-Cruiser Coupe

• CONVERTIBLE,
Loaded, A/C
• st: 33497
• km: 85621
\$11,650
\$128***
Bi-weekly



09 Audi A4 Quattro

• CONVERTIBLE,
AWD, Loaded, Lthr
• st: 33874
• km: 23268
\$32,950
\$350***
Bi-weekly



06 New Beetle

• CONVERTIBLE,
Loaded, A/C
• st: 33914
• km: 105000
\$12,650
\$139***
Bi-weekly



11 Chrysler 200

• CONVERTIBLE,
Loaded, A/C
• st: 33756
• km: 19326
\$24,620
\$197***
Bi-weekly



11 SUZUKI KIZASHI
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 34328km
st:33619 • **\$16,970** • bw:\$144***

08 ODYSSEY LX
LOADED, A/C • 89036km
st:33421 • **\$16,750** • bw:\$184*

07 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF
AUTO • 84893km
st:32513 • **\$9,960** • bw:\$109*

11 LANCER SPORTBACK
LOADED, A/C • 20170km
st:34002 • **\$16,950** • bw:\$144***

07 MAZDA 6
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 95746km
st:31930 • **\$10,830** • bw:\$119*

11 DODGE CHARGER SE
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 35767km
st:33710 • **\$20,890** • bw:\$167***

08 CHEVROLET COBALT LS
STD • 72981km
st:34124 • **\$6,570** • bw:\$72*

11 DODGE CALIBER SXT
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 18847km
st:34004 • **\$14,350** • bw:\$122***

09 TOYOTA VENZA AWD
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 79208km
st:12313-A • **\$18,750** • bw:\$179**

07 CHEVROLET OPTRA
STD • 92295km
st:12138-A • **\$5,670** • bw:\$62*

08 INFINITI EX35 AWD
LOADED, A/C, ROOF, LTHR • 105315km
st:33822 • **\$21,880** • bw:\$229*

07 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA CITY
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 64761km
st:32266 • **\$10,950** • bw:\$120*

08 JEEP COMPASS SPORT
STD • 68815km
st:32457 • **\$9,900** • bw:\$117*

08 BENZ B200
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 80833km
st:34016 • **\$17,970** • bw:\$197*

12 ECLIPSE GS COUPE
LOADED, A/C, AUTO • 16691km
st:33655 • **\$22,860** • bw:\$182***

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